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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Westbrookville Post Office
Westbrookville, New York

Docket No. A2016-1

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO QUESTIONS 1-4 OF COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1 (June 1, 2016)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the abovelisted questions of Commission Information Request No. 1, issued May 24, 2016. Each question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Please identify all sources of postal services (including retail access and delivery services) currently available to the Westbrookville community. Please specify the distances to these services relative to the Westbrookville Community Post Office location, if applicable.

RESPONSE:

The Westbrookville Community Post Office is currently operating under a temporary contract, set to expire May 31, 2016. The Postal Service has awarded a long-term contract for continued operations in Westbrookville with a new supplier; this new contract is effective June 1, 2016.

The Westbrookville facility is located near several Post Offices offering full retail services: the Otisville Post Office is located 2.4 miles from Westbrookville; the Cuddebackville Post Office is 3.3 miles from Westbrookville; and the Howells Post Office is 5.1 miles from Westbrookville. Customers with Internet access also have 24-hour access to postal services via usps.com.

- 2. The following questions relate to post office box services available at the Westbrookville Community Post Office and the Cuddebackville facility.
 - a. What is the total number of Westbrookville post office boxes currently in use?
 - b. What is the total number of Westbrookville post office boxes currently rented as Group E, no fee, boxes?
 - c. What is the total number of Cuddebackville post office boxes now available for Westbrookville customers?
 - d. Of the total number identified in question c. above, how many of these boxes are available as Group E, no fee, boxes?

RESPONSES:

- a. There are currently 458 post office boxes in use at the Westbrookville
 Community Post Office (CPO).
- There are currently 435 post office boxes rented as Group E, no fee,
 boxes at the Westbrookville CPO.
- There are 415 post office boxes now available at the Cuddebackville Post
 Office for Westbrookville customers.
- d. All 415 post office boxes at the Cuddebackville Post Office are available for Group E use.

3. Has the Postal Service offered the Westbrookville community the option of carrier (rural route) delivery (including delivery to the current Group E post office box holders)? If carrier delivery has not been considered, please explain why not.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service has considered offering the Westbrookville community the option of carrier (rural route) delivery, including delivery to the current Group E post office box holders. The Postal Service has, however, arrived at a mutually beneficial arrangement for continuation of CPO service with Group E boxes, so customers may continue with the current form of delivery service that they receive.

4. Please discuss Postal Service considerations for providing postal services utilizing any form of un-manned facility to the Westbrookville community, for example, cluster boxes, parcel boxes, or an un-manned facility/structure housing post office boxes.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service will maintain the Westbrookville CPO under a newly executed contract, and as such, it does not need to consider alternative forms of providing postal services.